

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

TIMOTHY C. RITTER,

Petitioner,

v.

KATHY J. BRITTAIN

and

THE PENNSYLVANIA
ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Respondents.

No. 4:17-CV-00501

(Judge Brann)

(Magistrate Judge Carlson)

ORDER

MAY 31, 2019

On March 22, 2017, Timothy C. Ritter filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 2254.¹ On March 29, 2019, Magistrate Judge Martin C. Carlson recommended that this Court deny Mr. Ritter's petition without issuing a certificate of appealability.² Mr. Ritter objected to that Report and Recommendation on May 6, 2019.³

¹ ECF No. 1.

² ECF No. 22.

³ ECF No. 25.

The Court has conducted a de novo review of the objected-to portions of Magistrate Judge Carlson's Report and Recommendation, and agrees with its analysis and conclusions. Therefore, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. Mr. Ritter's Objections, ECF No. 25, are **OVERRULED**.
2. The Report and Recommendation, ECF No. 22, is **ADOPTED IN ITS ENTIRETY**.
3. Mr. Ritter's Petition, ECF No. 1, is **DENIED**.
4. A certificate of appealability **SHALL NOT** issue.
5. The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Matthew W. Brann
Matthew W. Brann
United States District Judge